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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL DIRECTIVE #3

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COORDINATION OF COLLECTION ACTIVITIES

The following overall policies and objectives are established by the National Security Council for the interdepartmental coordination of foreign intelligence collection activities, so that measures may be taken promptly to effect sound and efficient utilization of the various departmental overseas collecting and reporting facilities:

1. a. Our departments shall be responsible for the collection of foreign intelligence information in accordance with their normal dominant interests as follows:

Political	- - - - -	Department of State
Cultural	- - - - -	Department of State
Sociological	- - - - -	Department of State
Military	- - - - -	Department of the Army
Naval	- - - - -	Department of the Navy
Air	- - - - -	Department of the Air Force
Economic	)	As in b below.
Scientific	)	

- b. By agreement between the Director of Central Intelligence and the intelligence chiefs and their designated representatives, the various economic and scientific intelligence subjects shall be allocated to our respective departments in accordance with their dominant interests; except that a subject which is of common concern to more than one department but of primary concern to none may be so allocated to the Central Intelligence Agency.

2. Intelligence information and material, regardless of the collector, shall, wherever possible, be transmitted immediately to the field representative of the agency having dominant interest in the subject category. However, the collector may also send copies to or otherwise inform his own agency.

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3. The senior U. S. representative in each foreign area where the United States maintains a foreign ~~service~~ post shall, within the spirit of the principles enunciated herein, be responsible for the coordination of all normal collection activities in his area.
4. The collecting and reporting facilities of each of the agencies shall be utilized so as to avoid unproductive duplication and uncoordinated overlap and to insure that full flow of intelligence material necessary to all departments for the accomplishment of their respective missions.
5. There shall be free and unrestricted interdepartmental exchange of intelligence material to meet the recognized secondary need of each department for intelligence usually obtained or prepared by other departments.
6. Full consideration shall be given in the implementation of these established overall policies and objectives to a full utilization of the individual initiative and favorable contacts of collecting agencies.
7. No interpretation of these established overall policies and objectives shall negate the basic principle that all departmental representatives abroad are individually responsible for the appropriate reporting of all intelligence material of possible usefulness to the effective accomplishment of the national intelligence mission which may come into their possession.
8. The Director of Central Intelligence shall act for the National Security Council in collaboration with our several intelligence agencies to insure the full and proper implementation and execution of the above established policies and objectives.

(The transmission of this Directive to the field will require a parallel top secret instruction to chiefs of mission.)

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